The next date of the meeting of NJCS has been fixed for 5.4.2000 and the dates of the next meetings of other two committees have not yet been fixed.

Exit Policy

*253. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the adoption of hi-tech technology, WTO regime and globalisation of problem has been created of excess labour in the existing Indian Industry and this problem can be solved only through a viable exit policy or else Indian Industry will collapse; and

(b) whether Government have any plan to bring Exit Policy in the near future to make our Industry viable and internationally competitive?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Trade Marks Bill

*254. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Marks Bill provides for Appellate Board functioning from Delhi;

(b) if so, whether an aggrieved person will have to come to Delhi to file special leave petition; and

(c) the steps proposed to do away with such undue expenses and delays?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The Trade Marks Act, 1999, provides for establishment of an Appellate Board known as the Intellectual Property Appellate Board to hear appeals against the decision of the Registrar. The Act also provides for setting up Benches in different locations. No decision about the location of the Apellate Board and its Benches has been taken by the Government. Since the Benches shall sit at such places as the Government, may by notification in the Official Gazette, notify, there will be no undue expenses and delay for the litigants.